

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A starting clutch, comprising:  
a planetary mechanism;  
a first clutch for outputting a torque to an outer  
5 diameter portion of said planetary mechanism;  
a second clutch for outputting the torque to an  
intermediate portion of said planetary mechanism; and  
a lock mechanism for locking a reactive force from  
an inner diameter portion of said planetary mechanism.  
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2. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
wherein said planetary mechanism comprises a planetary  
gear.
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3. A starting clutch according to claim 1 or 2,  
wherein the lock mechanism for locking the reactive  
force from said inner portion comprises an one-way  
clutch.
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4. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
wherein a multi-plate clutch is used for said first  
clutch and second clutch.
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5. A starting clutch according to claim 4,  
wherein a piston for fastening said first clutch and  
second clutch is integrally provided.

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6. A starting clutch according to claim 4,  
wherein a hub of said first clutch becomes a clutch  
case of said second clutch.

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7. A starting clutch according to claim 2,  
wherein said starting clutch comprises a case for  
covering said element and a clutch case for covering  
said first clutch and a bearing mechanism intervenes  
between said case and said clutch case.

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8. A starting clutch according to claim 4 or 5,  
wherein a bearing mechanism intervenes between the  
clutch case of said first clutch and the hub.

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9. A starting clutch according to claim 4 or 5,  
wherein a bearing mechanism intervenes between the  
clutch case of said second clutch and the hub.

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10. A starting clutch according to claim 2,  
wherein a bearing mechanism intervenes between said  
case and the planetary gear.

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11. A starting clutch according to claim 7,  
wherein said bearing mechanism is a thrust washer, a  
needle bearing or a thrust ball bearing.

12. A starting clutch according to claim 2,

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5           13. A starting clutch according to claim 2,  
wherein the hub of said first clutch is connected to a  
ring gear of said planetary gear.

15. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
wherein said output shaft is connected to said carrier.

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17. A starting clutch according to any one of claims 13 to 16, wherein said each member are connected by a spline fitting.

25 30b 18. A starting clutch according to claim 2,  
B27 wherein an outer ring portion of said one-way clutch is  
formed on the sun gear or the inner periphery portion



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22. A starting clutch according to claim 21,  
wherein said damper mechanism is constituted by a  
retainer plate fixed to said case, a claw member  
splined on the outer periphery of the clutch case  
5 of the first clutch and a spring intervened between  
said retainer plate and the claw member.

23. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
further comprising a hill holder mechanism.

24. A starting clutch according to claim 23,  
wherein said hill holder mechanism takes a member  
connected to said carrier or a carrier as an outer ring  
and said base member as an inner ring.

25. A starting clutch according to claim 23,  
wherein said hill holder mechanism takes the member  
connected to said carrier as the outer ring and said  
sun gear or the member connected to a sun gear as the  
20 inner ring.

26. A starting clutch according to any one of  
claims 23 to 25, wherein the member connected to said  
carrier is the hub of the second clutch.

27. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
wherein the operation of the piston for fastening the

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first clutch or the second clutch is by the operating mechanism combined of a lever and a release bearing.

28. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
5 wherein the piston for fastening the first clutch or the second clutch takes a ball screw as the operating mechanism.

29. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
10 wherein the piston for fastening the first clutch or the second clutch takes the release bearing and the ball screw for pushing down the release bearing as the operating mechanism.

30. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
15 wherein the piston for fastening the first or the second clutch operates by oil pressure.

31. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
20 wherein the piston for fastening the first clutch or the second clutch operates by oil pressure supplied from a motor-operated pump.

32. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
25 wherein an oil pressure circuit including said motor-operated pump is provided independently apart from the oil pressure circuit with an engine as an oil pressure

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source.

5 33. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
wherein the oil pressure circuit with the oil pressure  
circuit including said motor-operated pump and an  
engine pump as an oil pressure source is included in  
the same oil pressure circuit and means for detecting  
the number of engine rotations and the oil pressure  
circuit comprising a valve to be regulated in an  
10 opening amount according to the number of engine  
rotations detected by said means.

34. A starting clutch according to claim 33,  
further comprising:  
15 means for detecting oil pressure generated by said  
engine pump; and  
a control device for regulating the operation of  
said motor-operated pump according to oil pressure  
generated by said engine pump.

20 35. A starting clutch according to any one of  
claims 32 to 34, further comprising oil temperature  
detection means, wherein a mechanism for regulating the  
opening amount of the valve by the detected oil  
25 temperature is provided.

36. A starting clutch according to claim 5,

wherein the piston for fastening the first clutch or the second clutch operates by an electromagnet.

37. A starting clutch according to claim 1, wherein an biasing means is provided for biasing a frictionally engaging element of the first clutch to such a degree that a creep torque is generated.

38. A starting clutch according to claim 37, wherein biasing regulating means for regulating the biasing force of said biasing means is provided.

39. A starting clutch according to claim 37 or 38, wherein said biasing means or biasing regulating means is a spring member.

40. A starting clutch according to claim 39, wherein said spring member is a Belleville spring.

41. A starting clutch according to claim 1, wherein an amplified torque is outputted by the fastening of said first clutch and said one-way clutch.

42. A starting clutch according to claim 1, wherein an amplified torque having 1 in a ratio of transmission is outputted by the fastening of said first clutch and said second clutch.



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48. A starting clutch according to claim 47,

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wherein a cylinder and an oil chamber of said cylinder  
are provided on said coupled driving rotational  
element.

5 sub 49. A starting clutch according to claim 47 or  
a7) 48, wherein the piston is separated from a frictionally  
engaging element by the operation of said cylinder.

5 sub 50. A starting clutch according to claim 47,  
B2 10 wherein a thrust member for fastening the first clutch  
and the second clutch by thrusting said piston is  
provided.

51. A starting clutch according to claim 50,  
15 wherein said thrust member is a spring member.

52. A starting clutch according to claim 51,  
wherein said spring member intervenes between a support  
plate supported on an inner periphery of the clutch  
20 case of the first clutch by a snap ring and the piston.

53. A starting clutch according to claim 47,  
wherein an oil passage from said fixed element to said  
oil chamber through said coupled driving rotational  
25 element is provided.

54. A starting clutch according to claim 53,

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wherein an oil passage from said output shaft to said oil chamber through said fixed element and said coupled driving rotational element is provided.

5 55. A starting clutch according to claim 47, wherein an outer periphery side of said coupled driving rotational element is closed with an oil seal.

10 56. A starting clutch according to claim 47, wherein the outer periphery of said fixed element is supported by a bearing.

15 57. A starting clutch according to claim 47, wherein the outer periphery side of said fixed element is supported by a seal bearing.

20 58. A starting clutch according to claim 1, wherein lubricant is supplied from the output shaft to the first clutch, the second clutch, the one-way clutch, the planetary gear or the like.

25 59. A starting clutch according to claim 58, wherein a lubricant oil supply hole is provided on said output shaft.

60. A starting clutch according to claim 1, wherein the lubricant oil supply hole is provided in

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said fixed element.



61. A starting clutch according to claim 59 or  
60, wherein a lubricant oil passage which communicates  
5 with said output shaft from said fixed element is  
provided.

10 62. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
wherein lubricant is supplied from a gap between said  
output shaft and said fixed element.



15 63. A starting clutch according to claim 1,  
wherein the inside of the clutch case is immersed in  
oil.

20 64. A starting clutch according to claim 47,  
wherein the first and the second clutches are fastened  
when the operating mechanism is completely OFF, and the  
first and the second clutches are released when the  
operating mechanism is ON.

25 65. A starting clutch according to claim 47,  
wherein only the first clutch fastens or slidably moves  
when the operating mechanism is in a half operating  
state.

66. A starting clutch according to claim 45,

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wherein a creep is generated by said first or the second clutch slidably moving.

5 67. A control method of a starting clutch, comprising:

a planetary mechanism;

10 a first clutch for outputting a torque to an outer diameter portion of said planetary mechanism;

a second clutch for outputting the torque to an intermediate portion of said planetary mechanism; and

a lock mechanism for locking a reactive force from an inner diameter portion of said planetary mechanism,

15 wherein an amplified torque is outputted by the fastening of said first clutch and said one-way clutch.

68. A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 67, wherein a torque having 1 in a ratio of transmission is outputted by the fastening of said first clutch and said second clutch.

20 69. A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 67 or 68, wherein, when the operating mechanism is completely ON, the first clutch and the second clutch are fastened together and, when  
25 the operating mechanism is completely OFF, the first clutch and the second clutch are released.

70. A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 69, wherein said first clutch is fastened or slidably moved in a half operating state intermediate between said completely ON and completely OFF.

71. A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 69, wherein said second clutch is fastened or slidably moved in a half operating state intermediate between said completely ON and completely OFF.

72. A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 67 or 68, wherein, when the operating mechanism is completely OFF, the first and the second clutches are fastened and, when the operating mechanism is completely ON, the first and the second clutches are released.

73. A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 72, wherein said operating mechanism fastens or slidably moves the first clutch only in a half operating state intermediate between said completely ON and completely OFF.

74. A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 70, wherein a creep is generated by said first clutch slidably moving.